Application No. 09/073,596

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application of: STEINMAN et al. Serial No.: 09/073,596 Group Art Unit: 1644 Filed: 06 May 1998 Examiner. G. Bwoldt For: METHODS FOR IN VITRO PROLIFERATION OF DENDRITIC CELL PRECURSORS AND THEIR USE TO PRODUCE **IMMUNOGENS** CERTIFICATE OF FIRST CLASS MAILING UNDER 37 CFR §1.6 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent via facsimile transmission to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 (703-872-9307) on the date indicated below. 14 August 2003 Date: Rochelle Capobianco Mail Stop AF (After Final) Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This response is submitted in reply to the final Office Action dated 14 February 2003. A Petition for a three (3) month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, which extends the period for response to 14 August 2003. A Notice of Appeal is also submitted herewith, which appeals the Examiner's final rejection of claims 84, 89, 91, 92, 94, 95, 99, 101, and 103-120.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.